

Patent Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-16 and 18-20 are in this application. Claims 1-5 and 17 have been cancelled.

Claims 6 and 12-16 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,643,791 in view of U.S. Patent 5,907,559 to Shuman et al. Claims 7-11 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,643,791 in view of U.S. Patent 5,907,559 to Shuman et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,892,812 to Pester III. An appropriate terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome the double patenting rejections based on U.S. Patent 6,643,791 commonly owned with this application. Accordingly, claims 6-16 are understood to be allowable.

Claims 18-20 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 18 has been thus rewritten, and is believed allowable, along with claims 19 and 20 dependent thereon.

For the reasons given, it is believed all claims 6-16 and 18-20 in this application are allowable.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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